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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/681,566	Applicant(s) MARTINEZ ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 2-4, drawn to a cutting device having shims.
 - II. Claims 5 and 6, drawn to a cutting device having means to move the blade and positioning member.
 - III. Claims 7-11, drawn to a cutting device having a support substrate and chassis.
 - IV. Claim 12, drawn to a cutting device having a 60° vertex angle.
 - V. Claims 13-15, drawn to a cutting device having an arcuate blade and positioning member.
 - VI. Claims 16-20, drawn to a cutting device having an additional second cutter.
 - VII. Claims 21 and 22, drawn to a cutting device having a sensor and transparent window.
 - VIII. Claims 24 and 30, drawn to a method of cutting a semiconductor including the steps of moving the blade and positioning member.
 - IX. Claims 25,26 and 31, drawn to a method of cutting a semiconductor including the steps of using a sensor and transparent window.
 - X. Claims 27-29, drawn to a method of cutting a semiconductor including the steps of employing a second cutter.
2. Claim 1 will be examined if any of groups I-VII are elected. Claim 1 links the inventions of groups I-VII, and the restriction requirement of these linked inventions is

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subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim, claim 1. Claim 23 will be examined if any of groups VIII-X are elected. Claim 23 links the inventions of groups VIII-X, and the restriction requirement of these linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim, claim 23. Upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

3. Inventions of claims 23-31 (groups VIII-X) and claims 1-22 (groups I-VII) are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case, the apparatus of groups I-VII could be employed to cleave gemstones instead of semiconductors.

4. Inventions of groups I-VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. For example, the cutting device having shims of group I could be employed with a blade having an 80° vertex angle, unlike the 60° vertex angle of group IV, and conversely, the cutting device having a 60° vertex angle of group IV could be employed with no shims, unlike group I. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

5. Inventions of groups VIII-X are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. For example, the method having the step of using a sensor and transparent window, as in group IX, could occur without the step of employing a second cutter as in group X, and conversely, the method that employs a second cutter could happen without the sensing or transparent window of group IX. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

6. There is an excessive burden on the office to examine all of these inventions together, as shown by their search. See MPEP 808.02(C). For example, the search for group I would be in class 269 along with a text search for shims. The search for group II would not be conducted as above, but instead would be in class 225, subclass 103, along with a different text search. The other groups also have unique searches. The

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method groups would need to be text searched differently as well, employing terms such as semiconductor and searching in semiconductor classes such as 438.

7. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different search and because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

8. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

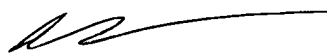
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ken Peterson at 571-272-4512, on Monday-Thursday, 7AM-5PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached at 571-272-4514. In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that papers be faxed to 703-872-9306.

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